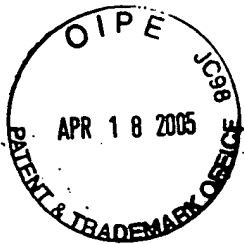


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Filed: June 6, 1997
Title: **Methods for Treating Obesity**
Applicants: Bradford J. DUFT *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 18528.231

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1. a Response to Notice Under 37 CFR § 1.251 - Pending Application;
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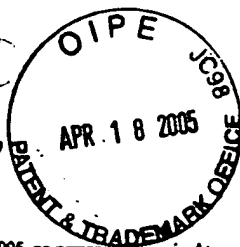
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DATE	DESCRIPTION
01/18/2005	Notice Under 37 CFR 1.251 - Pending Application; Content Information for 08/870762
06/19/2003	Request for Status with copy of Revocation of Prior Power of Attorney, Appointment of New Attorneys of Record and Change of Correspondence Address with copy of Assignment document previously filed on February 26, 2003
02/26/2003	Transmittal Letter with Revocation of Prior Power of Attorney, Appointment of New Attorneys of Record and Change of Correspondence Address with copy of Assignment document
02/26/2003	Notice of Publication and copy of published application number US 2003/0026812 A1
12/2/2002	Transmittal Letter; Fee Transmittal Form for FY 2003; Petition for Three Month Extension of Time; Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 with Attachments; and, Response
06/27/2002	Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; Copy of a Russian Office

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	Action from the Russian counterpart application with partial English translation; (51) references (excluding U.S. Patents)
05/30/2002	Non-Final Office Action; Notice of References Cited - PTO-892 (5 pages) with Copies of (21) Cited References (excluding U.S. Patents and references previously cited)
05/01/2002	Corrected Filing Receipt
04/10/2002	Request for Corrected Filing Receipt; copy of original Filing Receipt marked-up to indicate corrections
03/20/2002	Corrected Filing Receipt
03/18/2002	Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) Request Transmittal
12/28/2001	Statement Establishing Small Entity Status
12/18/2001	Final Office Action; Notice of References Cited - PTO-892 (1 page) with copy of (1) Cited Reference; Examiner-initialed PTO-1449
10/16/2001	Request for Change of Correspondence Address
08/10/2001	Communication from U.S. Patent and Trademark Office advising that the Holding of Abandonment mailed 5/28/01 has been withdrawn, and that a copy of the response filed 5-18-01 has been made of record in the file.
05/25/2001	Notice of Abandonment
05/22/2001	Revocation and Grant of Power of Attorney
05/14/2001	Transmittal Letter; Petition for Extension of Time (three months); Reply Under 37 C.F.R. 1.111; Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO-1449 (1 page); Copy of (1) Cited Reference.
03/14/2001	Revocation and Grant of Power of Attorney with Appendix A
12/12/2000	Transmittal Letter; Revocation and Grant of Power of Attorney with Attached Index; Change of Correspondence Address and Attorney Docket Number with attached Index.
11/13/2000	Non-Final Office Action; Notice of References Cited - PTO-892 (3 pages) with Copies of (8) Cited References (excluding U.S. Patents and references previously cited)
06/24/2000	Petition for Extension of Time (five months); Appeal Brief
01/21/2000	Advisory Action; Interview Summary
12/23/1999	Transmittal Letter; Request for Extension of Time (three months); Notice of Appeal; Response under 37 CFR 1.116
06/24/1999	Final Office Action; Notice of References (excluding cited U.S. patent); Examiner-initialed PTO-1449 Form.
03/16/1999	Transmittal Letter; Request for Extension of Time (three months); Response
12/24/1998	Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; PTO-1449 form (1 page); Copy of an International Search Report dated September 24, 1998 with copies of (7) cited references.
09/16/1998	Non-Final Office Action; PTO-892 Forms (5 pages) with Copies of (19) Cited References (excluding U.S. Patents and references previously cited) NOTE: A copy of "Exp. Opin. Ther. Patents 4(11): 1383-1384 (1994)" is not available.)

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08/17/1998	Transmittal Letter; Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) (three months); Preliminary Amendment; Response to Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Application Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures; Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f); Sequence Listing
04/17/1998	Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures; Raw Sequence Listing Error Report
01/27/1998	Transmittal Letter; Submission of Missing Parts and Related Application Papers; Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Application; Executed Declaration; Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f); Response to Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Application Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures; Sequence Listing
01/27/1998	Recordation Form Cover Sheet - Patents Only (Form PTO-1595); Executed Assignment
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08/27/1997	Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted; Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures
06/06/1997	New Application Transmittal (8 pages); New Patent Application, including title page, specification, claims and abstract (43 pages).

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